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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the March 20, 2002 Office Action in connection with the aboveidentified application. A response to the Office Action is due April 20, 2002. Therefore this Communication is being timely filed.

The Office Action stated that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of fourteen (14) groups as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants elect Group II (Claims 1, 5-13, 18-37, drawn to a method of reducing the viability of hematopoietic tumor cells by administering a virus, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1), with traverse.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and rejoinder of Groups I through VI. Groups I-VI are all in class 424, subclass 93.1. Accordingly, applicants submit that there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to search these groups together.

It is believed that no fee is required in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1677.

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